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Timely Tidbits ...

City to Sponsor No-fee Yard-sale Weekend

The City of Romulus will sponsor a "no-fee yard-sale weekend" over the Memorial Day holiday (May 30 to June 2). Interested residents should note that this permit counts toward the three-per-year limit and must be restricted to three of the four possible days, in accordance with the City's ordinance. Applications must be received at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins) by Friday, May 17, so that maps and participants lists can be made and distributed before the weekend. For more information, call the Recreation office: 942-6852.

"Friends" Seek Book Donations for Sale

The Romulus Friends of the Library Club is asking local residents to scan their home libraries for books to donate to its upcoming used-book sale, planned for the fourth week of April at the Library. Books (either hardback or paperback, in good condition) may be dropped off at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) during its regular business hours: Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Romulus Public Library.

Volunteers Needed

The Romulus Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help out at the City's museum. Volunteers must be history-minded persons willing to donate three hours per month on Sunday afternoons.

Help is needed in such areas as filing, typing, assessing artifacts, working on genealogy files, sewing, dating period clothing, dressing mannequins, and similar tasks. Volunteers may select any one of the above areas if they qualify. Instruction will be provided.

For more information, call the Museum (942-2340) any Sunday (except holidays) from 1 to 4 p.m.

Rep. Lynn Rivers Ranked "Best" by Public Citizen

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers is one of only two freshman members of Congress to be ranked "The Best" in Public Citizen's 1995 Congressional Voting Index. Public Citizen – a nonprofit research, lobbying, and litigation organization founded by Ralph Nader – issues its yearly index as a report card on congressional accountability and on members' support for the interests of "ordinary Americans."

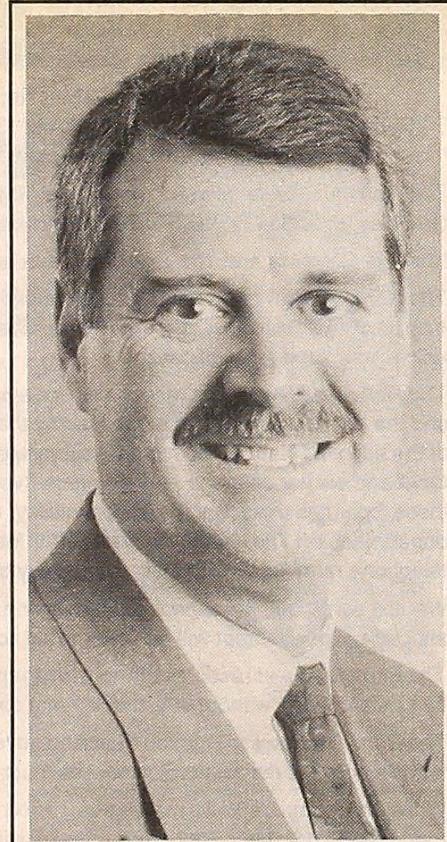
The index is based on a number of factors, particularly whether members of Congress have advocated for "the broad concerns of citizens or the narrowed concerns of monied interests." It

also takes into account voting attendance and members' stands on a range of issues, including: public health and safety laws; environmental protection; political reform; health care; economic justice; and individual rights in the civil justice system.

Altogether, only 18 members of Congress were ranked "The Best" in the House. Thirteen were ranked "The Best" in the Senate, including Michigan Senator Carl Levin. Representative John Conyers was also included on the House list, making a total of three Michigan members of Congress to receive the group's highest rating. □



Bennett Bills Would Provide for Stricter Measures Against Juvenile Criminals



Juvenile Offenders Who Escape from Institutions Could Be Faced with Felony Charges

Juvenile offenders who escape from youth facilities may be charged with a felony under new legislation which passed the Senate recently, according to Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

Senate Bills 866-870, sponsored by Bennett and Senators Mike Rogers (R-Howell) and Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City), create a disincentive for youth "walkaways" by making escape a felony. In addition, the legislation will provide an automatic waiver allowing juveniles to be tried as adults if they escape from a high- or medium-security State-run facility or from a high-security private institution.

The legislation was prompted by the recent escape, from the W.J. Maxey Training School in Hamburg, of two juveniles who were facing penalties for separate murders and who were at large for more than 24 hours.

"We are talking about extremely dangerous criminals who may not be apprehended until they harm someone again, and we cannot tolerate this menace to public safety," Bennett said. "By making escape from these institutions a felony, we can insure that these juveniles face the prospect of much harsher, adult sanctions for their act, and that may cause them to think twice before walking away."

Bennett said the sanctions currently imposed by the Family Independence Agency are completely ineffective, citing more than 60 walkaways from the W.J. Maxey facility last year alone. Senate Bills 866-870, he contends, would allow local prosecutors the authority to protect their own communities.

Juveniles Could Be Extradited

Senator Bennett also reported that a bill which would prohibit juveniles who commit offenses in other states from fleeing to Michigan for immunity has passed the Senate by unanimous vote.

"We will now be able to extradite juveniles who commit felony crimes or misdemeanors in other states so that they can be prosecuted," Bennett said. "Not only is it just that they pay for their crimes, regardless of where those crimes are committed, but it sends a message, loud and clear, that Michigan will not be a safe-house for teen thugs."

SB 826 clarifies procedures for the interstate compact on juveniles. Those juveniles who are "hiding" in Michigan from authorities of other states will not be safe, whether they are residents of Michigan or not. Law enforcement in Michigan will now be able to extradite these youth offenders to the states in which the offense occurred, just as they do for adults. In addition, the interstate compact will cooperate with Michigan in the return for trial of juveniles who have committed criminal offenses here.

"It closes a large loophole and I'm very pleased," Bennett added. "Some of these youth are committing serious, terrible crimes and getting away with it because they are hiding out here – right here in the neighborhoods where we raise our families."

"No more," he concluded. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

Due to limited space, letters should be brief and to the point. The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for brevity and, if necessary, clarity.

Facts Left Unsaid, Claims Resident

To the Editor:

Like Austin Marshall and Dolores Witzgall, I am a firm believer in examining "all the facts" about the EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems) injection well issue, so both of the above should "welcome" my continued discussion of the many facts left unsaid.

In a letter which appeared in *The Romulus News* issue dated March 1, 1996, Mr. Marshall stated that "the State permit for the well was issued on July 30, 1991." But, Mr. Marshall failed to mention the MDNR (Michigan Department of Natural Resources) interoffice memo preceding the permit, dated April 29, 1991. (Editor's note: The portion of the following quote which appears in *italics* was not included in Ms. Yerman's letter, but we have included it here because we feel that it clarifies the meaning of the fragment which she cited.) It stated, *"Personal Opinion: I think that this permit for a commercial disposal well will just be the first of many. Commercial disposal is a lucrative business and will become more so as the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) push on Class V wells forces industry – large and small – to find a final resting place for much of its undesirable waste. Freedom of information requests will certainly greatly increase as the public becomes aware of this trend, and if we cannot demonstrate that we have performed at least the minimum security checks . . . we (GSD [Geological Survey Division] and MDNR) will suffer severe criticism. That we have neither the funds nor the personnel to carry out these responsibilities is, I am afraid, an argument which will be lost in the subsequent environmentalist rhetoric."* And then the MDNR permit was issued three months later anyway, and with no public hearings for the City of Romulus.

Let's take a "look" at the MDNR permit form. The MDNR permit form is ambiguous, in that the permit to drill is also the permit to operate – but only the box marked "permit to drill" was marked

with an X on the July 30, 1991 permit form! A few months ago, I spoke with Tom Godbold at the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, formerly the MDNR), and he agreed with me that the ambiguity of the permit form could have caused the confusion and/or misinterpretation by the City of Romulus that "this was just a test well."

I believe that Mr. Marshall was incorrect when he stated, "the Federal permit was issued on October 8, 1991." The copy I have enclosed is dated October 27, 1991. And, no, Mayor McAnally did not inform EDS about her timely (August 28, 1991) letter to Dave Werbach (the EPA permit-giver). Mayor McAnally was waiting for a response from Dave Werbach, a public official, before informing EDS. Dave Werbach never did respond to Mayor McAnally's letter, and again there were no public hearings for the City of Romulus, and the permit was given two months later anyway, on October 27, 1991. But, I would like to ask Mr. Marshall, did Dave Werbach contact EDS regarding the Mayor's letter dated August 28, 1991? And, if so, what was said, and why didn't EDS notify the City of Romulus? I find it almost impossible to believe that Dave Werbach didn't contact at least one of the principals involved.

I want to thank Ms. Witzgall for mentioning the only other sentence in Mayor McAnally's August 28, 1991 letter, which stated: "Please be advised that at its regular meeting, held August 26, 1991, the Romulus City Council adopted a resolution to rescind Resolution No. 90-589, due to changes in the corporate entities involved." What Ms. Witzgall fails to mention is what Mayor McAnally meant when she wrote "due to changes in the corporate entities involved." Mayor McAnally personally told me that it was "amid the flurry of lawsuits between Doug Wicklund and Bob Ryan (the original well partners), one party suing the other," in 1991, that she recommended to the Romulus City Council that they rescind the resolution. And now, Doug Wicklund's EDS is suing the City of Romulus!

Please, Mr. Marshall, answer the question I asked in my last letter: "Was EDS advised by their attorneys that it could be *risky* proceeding with their expensive project, when the Mayor (McAnally) had been instrumental in getting the original resolution rescinded, and had tried to prevent the EPA's permit from being approved?" Yes, or No? And if not, why not?

Mr. Marshall alludes to a lot of "con-

versations" and "talking" going on between EDS, their attorneys, Mayor McAnally, and Barry Seifman. But, I don't believe that the Mayor's or Mr. Seifman's jurisdiction supersedes the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) or EPB (Environmental Protection Board). The BZA stopped the first well project, didn't it? It's my understanding that even this new well project, located on property that's zoned MT-2, will require a *special use variance*, obtained by appearing before one of our City boards and/or commissions. Is this correct, Mr. Marshall, and which board or commission would that be?

Mr. Marshall's references inferring impropriety on the Mayor's part – specifically, the statement that "... Mayor McAnally asked EDS to wait until after the 1993 election ..." – do not make sense to me. Mayor McAnally ran *unopposed* in the 1993 general election – just as she did in 1991.

Mr. Marshall goes on to state, "... Romulus and other nearby cities already accept large quantities of Canadian waste at existing waste facilities

courtesy of the free trade agreement . . ." Yes, nearby waste facilities, such as Riverview landfill, accept Canadian waste, brought in by garbage trucks, some of them *overweight*. On December 3, 1995, and February 28, 1996, the *News-Herald* published articles entitled "Hazardous Weight" and "Overloaded Waste Trucks Pose Danger." The article dated December 3 states, "A garbage truck that toppled and crushed a minivan, seriously injuring its driver, was more than seven tons over its legal weight limit, police said Friday." And, "The roar of the hydraulic compressor powering the Jaws of Life and the hydraulic cutters filled the cold air as hundreds of spectators crowded toward the wreckage to watch."

Those communities that have waste facilities, which would include Canadian waste, must weigh the balance between the great economic benefit they receive yearly, from each and every garbage delivery, against the possible sacrificing of their residents' safety! But, the City of Romulus will enjoy no such eco-

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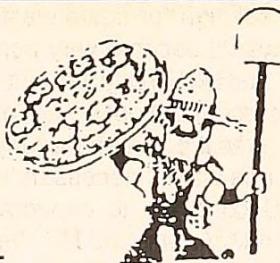
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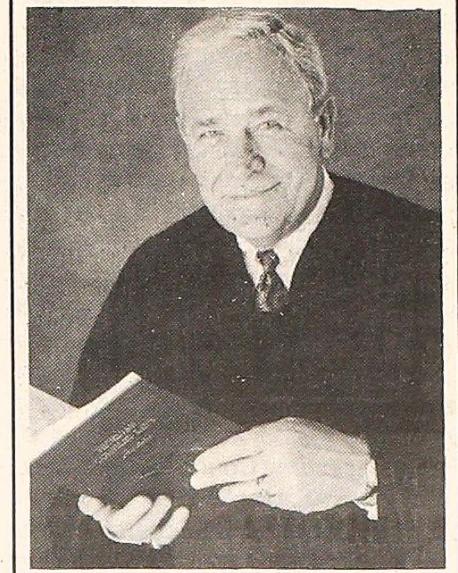
Szlinis To Run for Reelection to the 34th District Court

Judge William J. Szlinis began his bid for reelection to the 34th District Court with a Campaign Kickoff Reception at the Woodlands Golf Course of Van Buren on March 28. Szlinis - who has served on the court since the summer of 1989 - was elected to a full six-year term in 1990.

"Through the years, I have seen significant changes in our court system," Szlinis recounted, "but experience has taught me to keep an eye on what is most important: how each citizen in our five communities is treated."

Prior to taking the bench, Szlinis practiced law in the Western Wayne County area for over 30 years. Leading a number of professional and community organizations, he was elected President of the Suburban Bar Association, Treasurer of the Wayne County District Judges Association, and member of the Attorney Discipline Board Panel.

Szlinis served as Chairperson of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission and as a member of the City of Westland Planning Commission, and is proud of his involvement with the Romulus, Belleville, and Wayne Chambers of Commerce for a combined 42 years. His other professional affiliations include the American Bar Association, the Ameri-



can Judges Association, the Michigan Bar Association, and the Michigan District Judges Association.

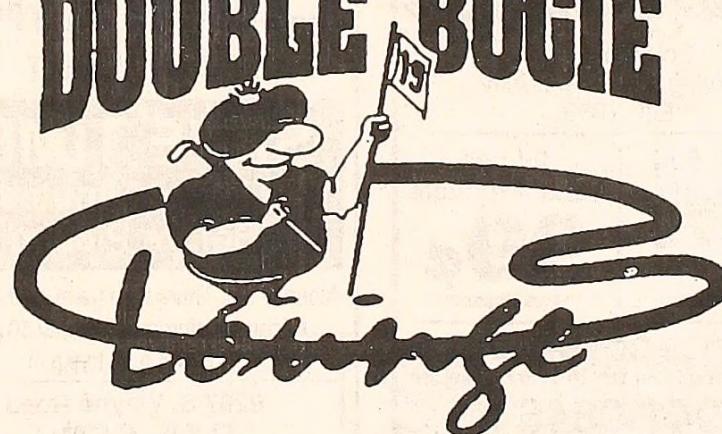
Judge Szlinis and his wife Ann have been married for 41 years and have three children - Bill, Jr., John, and Marianne - and four grandchildren - Stephanie, Michael, John, and Alex.

While acknowledging the rigors of his reelection campaign, Szlinis noted, "I am both honored and encouraged by the support the five communities in the district are giving me." □

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 nomic benefit! The \$500,000 yearly royalty offered by EDS is "peanuts" compared to what the Riverview landfill receives yearly, and they don't even handle hazardous waste! No other community nearby would be willing to sacrifice its residents' safety for so little economic gain! If Mr. Marshall is comparing our situation, here in Romulus, to that of the other nearby communities that accept waste, including Canadian waste, then we, in the City of Romulus, *must receive a fee for each and every truck delivery, and for each and every delivery made by rail, so that our scales will balance!* Perhaps, our City Council could initiate such a "huge tipping? fee" that it will not be *profitable* for EDS to operate in the City of Romulus; or would at least put us on an economic plane comparable to the other nearby communities that Mr. Marshall refers to. And, I'm trusting that, if there are any overweight trucks coming into our town from Canada or anywhere else, the Romulus Police Department will use strict enforcement procedures in issuing citations, and that our 34th District Court will issue fines that are a cut above "the accepted cost of doing business" – far more than the \$2,000 fine that City Disposal received for its overweight truck that toppled over on the minivan (*News-Herald*, February 28, 1996). Concerning my "warning"

about EDS spending more money: I wasn't referring to attorney fees. I don't want EDS spending millions on their new well project, and then trying to sue us into submission, when we didn't want them here before, and we don't want them here now! Mr. Marshall states, "... Maybe the City's attorneys should be willing to explain why EDS' attorneys feel their position is so strong." It sounds like EDS' attorneys are using typical "legal-speak" to me.

Let's look at "all the facts" about "why we didn't want them (EDS) here before." The original resolution didn't pass by a landslide. It passed 4-3. There was an *option* on the Ryznar property, drawn up by Romulus attorney, Brian A. Oakley, in November, 1990; and the existence of this option was *not* revealed at the December 10, 1990 City Council meeting by anyone. If you don't believe me, view the December 10, 1990 video.

Our city council went into that vote "blind to the fact" of the existence of the November, 1990 option. One voting City Council member, Peter Bergeron, made a seemingly vague statement (see video) about the possible selection of his father-in-law's (Mr. Ryznar's) property – "... It may go there, it may not go there ..." – but did not reveal the existence of the November, 1990 option. If Mr. Bergeron would have abstained from

voting on the original resolution, it would have been a 3-3 tie vote – with *no resolution passed!* And, don't forget, Mayor McAnally did *not* vote at any City Council meetings, including that one! What would *Robert's Rules of Order* have to say about all the irregularities that went on at that December 10 meeting? Even though Resolution No. 90-589 was eventually replaced with Rescinding Resolution 91-389, perhaps City Council, our city attorneys, or the Attorney General could get the original resolution declared *invalid, due to all the improprieties involved!*

The Romulus Taxpayer Question of the Year: If we could get Resolution No. 90-589 declared invalid, would that help our *court case*, and would EDS still refer to it as the *Welcoming Resolution?*

Sandra Yerman

"Facts" Quoted Out of Context, Says EDS

Dear Editor:

I am writing to respond to Sandra Yerman's latest letter to the editor. Before I do, however, I must say that Ms. Yerman is up to her same old tricks – quoting documents out of context and ignoring the facts pertaining to this issue.

First: Regarding Mr. Rarick's statements in the interoffice memo cited by Ms. Yerman, I see nothing wrong with them. It seems to me that Mr. Rarick was acknowledging that commercial deepwell injection was going to be a new solution for liquid waste disposal that would become very popular. As to why the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) did not hold a public hearing – was it because Beverly McAnally said one wasn't necessary?

Second: As to conversations between McAnally and Mr. Werbach, Mr. Werbach and Mr. Wicklund, and Mr. Wicklund and McAnally, much of the information is contained in the court depositions – yes, that's right, you're going to have to read them for yourself. The rest will come out during the full trial.

Third Question: Why did Resolution No. 90-589 state "due to changes in the corporate entities involved"? Why didn't the resolution simply state, "The City of Romulus objects to the issuance of permits for a hazardous waste well in our community"? Why didn't McAnally tell Mr. Werbach that she did not want the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) permit issued to EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems)? Why didn't McAnally ask the DNR and EPA to hold public hearings in Romulus? Why?

Fourth: EDS' attorneys did not advise EDS that it would be risky to proceed with the well after Resolution No. 90-589 was passed for several reasons: 1. City Attorney Barry Seifman told EDS' attorneys that EDS needed nothing from the City and that it was free to proceed with the well.

2. McAnally gave EDS copies of Seifman's legal opinions which said the City had no jurisdiction over the well and encouraged EDS to proceed.

3. In July, 1993, approximately one week before the well was drilled, an Informational Dinner was held for all Romulus City officials – including Mayor McAnally; the City Clerk, City Treasurer, and head of the Building Department; and members of the City Council, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals – where they were informed of the activities that would take place during the drilling of the well and its later operations. No City official ever stated that EDS' well site was in the wrong industrial zoning district or that EDS needed any approvals of any kind from the City.

4. Construction trailer, electrical, and water permits were issued by the City's building department just prior to construction. Building Department personnel assisted in installing electrical hookups at the well site. No actions were taken to stop the well while it was being drilled, and Mayor McAnally and other City officials repeatedly toured the well site and observed the operations which lasted for several months. During one of Mayor McAnally's visits, she requested that EDS purchase additional property in order to bring its trucks into the well site by a different route. EDS agreed, and spent \$100,000 to acquire the new properties.

Fifth: As to which City board or commission will have jurisdiction over the new deepwell facility in the MT-2 zoning district, EDS has not yet evaluated that question.

Sixth: You are right. McAnally ran unopposed in 1993. Why, then, did she tell Mr. Wicklund in October, 1993, "Doug, you have to let us beat you up a little on this; I'm worried about my constituents on the Council"? Mary Collins was running for City Council in that election. Did McAnally want to see Collins elected? You tell me.

Seventh: Your posturing about other communities accepting Canadian waste flies in the face of reality. Ask these other communities if they want to stop. Ask Canton if they want to give up their brand-new, \$14,000,000 Recreation Center, which was built exclusively from royalties earned from their landfill. Call them and ask them. Do it now.

In closing, all I can say is that Ms. Yerman has distorted the facts and refused to acknowledge that: one, the only reason that EDS is in Romulus is because it was invited by Beverly McAnally and allowed by most of the city officials; and, two, the Romulus deepwell is safe.

Austin Marshall, P.E., P.G., J.D., Vice President, EDS □

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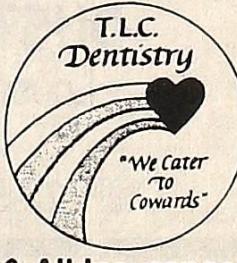
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- **Marshmallow Drop** – A blizzard of 20,000 marshmallows will fill the sky as they tumble from the Easter Bunny's helicopter to the grounds of the Middle Rouge Parkway-Nankin Mills Area in Westland at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 5 (rain date: Saturday, April 6). Children on hand to pick them up can redeem them for a prize-filled egg. For specifics on location and time, contact the Wayne County Parks Department: 261-1990.
- **St. Paul's Serves Fish for Lent** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets, New Boston) will host its final Lenten all-you-can-eat fish dinner on Friday, April 5. Featured fare will include deep-fried and baked fish, French-fried and scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, macaroni salad, jello, dessert, and drink. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for children ages five to 11. Carry-outs will be available.
- **Parenting Class** – The Oakwood Healthcare System's Community-focused Health Promotion Network is offering an "Active Parenting Today" class for parents of children ages two to 12. Topics covered will include: instilling courage and self-esteem, understanding your child's thinking; creating cooperative kids; solving problems together; and making responsibility a reality. The six-session course will meet at the Oakwood Hospital Beyer Center-Ypsilanti (135 South Prospect) on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning April 13 and continuing through May 18. Cost is \$45 (both parents may attend for this price if they share materials). Classes are limited; preregistration is required. Call 1-800-543-WELL.
- **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** – The Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, in New Boston) will present *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, on Friday, May 3 and 10, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 4 and 11, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 5 and 12, at 3 p.m. Tickets (\$9 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens and students) are available at the Box Office; call 782-5380.
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a newly formed writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, will meet at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For information, call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its twice-monthly meetings, held at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Premarital Counseling Classes** – Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center-Taylor, in cooperation with the Taylor Teen Health Center, offers premarital counseling classes that fulfill the State of Michigan marriage license requirement. Participants receive information on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and prenatal care from a qualified health educator. Classes are offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at 10000 Telegraph, Taylor. Cost is \$25 for couples; \$15 for individuals. For more information, or to preregister, call 374-2273.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Candidate Oakley Stresses Innovation, Hard Work



34th District Court Judge Henry Zaborowski, candidate Brian Oakley, and Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson.

Candidate Brian A. Oakley told more than 225 supporters at his March 14 campaign kickoff that he plans to adopt nontraditional court hours – including night court – when he is elected Judge of the 34th District Court.

"Accessibility is extremely important," said Oakley. "Foremost in my plans for the 34th District Court is the implementation of night court and non-traditional hours to allow people to take care of court business without missing time from work."

The kickoff celebration, held at the P.N.A. Hall in Sumpter, featured a St. Patrick's Day theme. In addition to "the wearing of the green," the crowd enjoyed chili, hot dogs, and desserts donated by supporters. Music for the event was provided by DJs Willie Hester and Jerry Gratiot.

Distinguished guests in attendance included Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, Judges Henry Zaborowski and Sean Cox, and elected officials from Sumpter, Huron, Romulus, and Belleville.

Stressing that "innovation and hard work" are the building blocks of his campaign, Oakley also discussed the importance of accountability on the bench, his philosophy regarding court reform, and the role he sees for himself in the local communities of the 34th District Court.

"I hope to increase my involvement in the five local communities of the 34th District," said Oakley, who has been extremely active in community affairs since opening his law practice in 1987. "I think it's important for a sitting judge to be an active part of the community, not a bystander."

Oakley told his supporters that he believes major court reform is in the works across the State.

"I plan on being at the forefront to ensure that the changes made will help make the Court more user-friendly," he said. □

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Romulus residents Jim and Janet Nowakowski are Dakoda's paternal grandparents.

His maternal grandparents are Greg Wisner of Highland, and Linda Eckley of West Bloomfield. □

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Color, Creativity Highlighted Egg-stra Special Entries

By Kristi Stephens

Have you ever been faced with a *really* difficult choice? Like: Where should I go on vacation – Hawaii or the Caribbean? Or: Which car should I buy – the Porsche or the Jaguar? Or (the one that's the toughest for me): What should I have for dessert – the cheesecake or the brownies? (And, no, having both is *not* an option.)

Hah! Those are nothing compared to the decisions faced by our coloring-contest judges, who had to select two winners and six runners-up from among the overwhelming number of entries that we received.

Who would have suspected that our area had so many budding young artists! This type of contest was a first for us, and we were amazed by the sense of color and creativity that was demonstrated by even the youngest of the participants. Their designs ranged from abstract shapes to whimsical faces to an ambitious Christ on the cross.

After long deliberation, the judges chose the picture submitted by Megan Bearman – a seven-year-old student at Barth Elementary – as the winner in the "ages five through seven" category, and an entry from Jennalee Gonzalez – a nine-year-old student at Cory Elementary – as the winner in the "ages eight through ten" group. Both girls will receive a \$50 U.S. savings bond and a chocolate bunny for their superior handiwork, thanks to the generosity of our contest sponsors: the Detroit Metro Airport Taxicab Association, attorney Murray Duncan, Hair Sensations, Jordan's II, Kegger's Food Store, the Merriman Street Grill, MTM Dance Productions, the Polka-Dot Pantry Shoppe, Romulus Flowers & Gifts, Stears Hardware, Sweet Memories, Uncle Joe's Market, Walter's Bar/Romulus Lanes, and the Wayne & Wick Citgo.

Receiving chocolate bunnies for their runner-up efforts will be Nicole Carroll, Antionice Hearst, and Jessica Workman in the five-to-seven category, and Shane King, Jese Lowrey, and Kristi Rice in the eight-to-ten group.

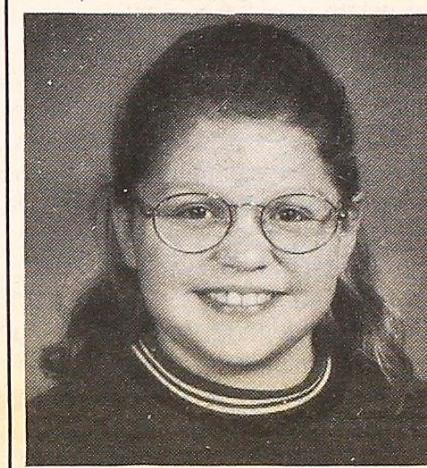
Congratulations to our winners and runners-up, and also to the following students who earned an "honorable mention" for their fine work.

Honorable Mentions (five to seven)

Carla Anderson, Dustin Armstrong, John Bennett, Jason Britton, Brittany Brown, Dennard Bryant, Landria Buckley, Ariel Cadwell, Juanita Catalano, Tiffany Clark, Katelyn Crossman, Christopher Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Christina Engle, Amber Foley, Jessica Fox, Laura Grodi, Boyd Hixson, Michael Honto, William Honto, Ellie Jones, Donavan Leonard, Arnold Littell, Carlos Maggard, Jamie Molic, Damilola Ogundipe, Latoi Lee, Bruce Loggie, Anastasia Marston, Juanita Miller, Crystal Moore, Randi Mosley, Marquis Nelson, Brandan Patrick, Marlaina Polk, Nicole Radford, Kayla Reed, Andrea Rehahn, Eric Rister, Casey Robichaud, Katie Rudolph, Anthony Schmidt, Ayssa Schmidt, Sawaira Sheikh, Tiffany Smith, Jeremy Thomason, Rebecca Thornton, Jessica Trahey, Molly Tuttle, Sarah Ward, Merrika Williams, Brian Woods, and Ashley Wright. □



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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, recreation coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages eight and under at Elmer Johnson Park on Saturday, April 6, beginning at 12 noon. (If there are any questions the day of the event because of weather, call 941-6040.) Separate egg-hunting areas will be set up for each age group (age two and under; ages three and four; ages five and six; and ages seven and eight). There is no charge to participate, but children must bring their own egg-gathering baskets.

Parent/Child Bowling

Family fun is in store when Mom or Dad (or Grandpa/Grandma, Uncle/Aunt, etc.) joins his/her kid for an afternoon of tournament bowling. Two dates have been set: Saturday, April 20 (for children ages 11 and under), and Saturday, April 27 (for youths age 12 and older); both programs will take place at Romulus Lanes beginning at 2 p.m. A \$20 fee covers the cost of two games (including "mystery" prizes for both), "bowling for dollars," door prizes, and pizza. Advance registration (at the Recreation office) is required; both dates are limited to the first 30 couples to register.

Kids' Spring Programs

There may still be time to register for the following spring-session programs for children. Call the Recreation office (942-6852) for more information.

- Youth Ballet** – This eight-week ballet class for preschoolers (ages three to five) will be taught by Romulus resident Rhonda Nolen at the Recreation building from 5 to 5:45 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday beginning April 2 and continuing through May 28 (no class April 9 due to Spring Break). Fee is \$25.
- Cheerleading/Pom-pom** – Cheer America participants are preparing for the upcoming spring and summer parades in different communities. A 10-week session of classes will begin at Barth Elementary on Wednesday, April 3, at 5 p.m., and continue through June 12. Cost is \$4 per class, with optional fees for costumes and pom-poms; students must be registered for the program on the first night of class at Barth School.

- Karate** – A 10-week session of karate classes for ages seven and up, which began March 26, continues each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Merriman School (no classes April 9 and 11) under the tutelage of world-certified instructor Lee McElwaney. Cost is \$10.

Summer Youth Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department's newly restructured Summer Youth Softball League will offer coed play for children in three age groups – eight to 10, 11 to 13, and 14 to 17 – with August 1 being the birth-date cutoff date. Practices will begin the last of May; games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Elmer Johnson Park beginning the third week of June. A cost of \$20 per player/\$35 per family includes a shirt and hat. Anyone who has a neighborhood team or an organizational team that qualifies within the above age groups should contact the Recreation office. Coaches and umpires are also needed.

Men's Softball Tourny

On the weekend of April 27-28, the Recreation Department will host a Men's Adult Softball Tournament at Elmer Johnson Park. The tournament will be played in a two-game elimination format with all ASA and Romulus rules being enforced. An entry fee of \$125 per team will cover softballs, umpires, scorekeepers, sponsor trophies for first and second place, and T-shirts for first place. Deadline for registration is Thursday, April 25, at 5 p.m. All teams should contact the Recreation office at that time to get information on game times, fields, and opponents.

Quilting Classes

Getting together to combine friendly socialization with the art of quilting is a time-honored ritual as old as America itself – and it's a tradition that the Romulus Recreation Department is doing its part to continue. Drop-in classes for beginning and experienced quilters are held each Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Building. Cost is \$1 for Romulus senior citizens; \$1.50 for all other adults.

Ceramics Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department's weekly drop-in ceramics class is open to interested people of all skill levels each Monday from 6 to 8:45 p.m. at the Recreation Building. Cost is \$1.50 per class for residents, \$2 for nonresidents. An additional firing charge equal to half the cost of the greenware will be due upon completion of each project. □

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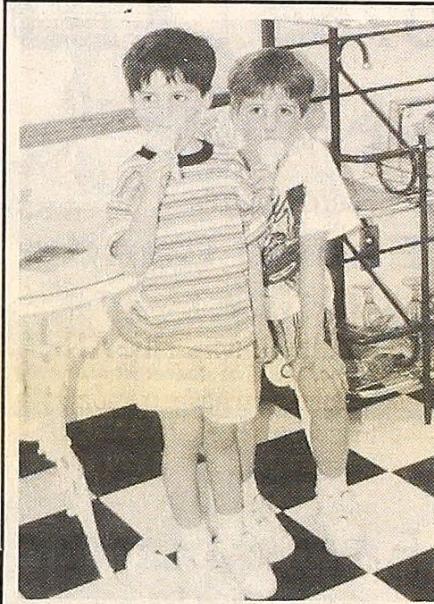
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Prior to opening their establishment, say proprietors Joe and Sue Veres, they made a commitment to provide the residents of Romulus and Taylor with a first-class ice-cream parlor which served quality products at a reasonable price in a clean, friendly atmosphere. They visited many ice-cream parlors and restaurants throughout southeastern Michigan, "sampling the merchandise," before deciding what products to serve in their own store. In the end, only two measured up to the couple's standards: Stroh's and Ashby's Sterling ice creams.

"Stroh's is one of the finest premium ice creams," says Joe. "It was first produced in Detroit in 1919 during the Prohibition Era, and has grown in popularity each year. It is still made with the slow, old-fashioned methods of yester-year, using only the finest ingredients.

"Michiganders worldwide reminisce about the fine ice cream of their home state," he added. "When families come into our shop, I always enjoy watching the adults point out their favorite flavor to their children and grandchildren."

The decision to serve Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream came about after Joe and Sue got to sample its various flavors at a recent dairy show.

"We had already read good things about this Oak Park (Michigan) company's products in *The National Dipper*, an Ice Cream and Yogurt Retailers Association trade magazine," Sue explained. "The Ashby's Sterling vanilla bean, vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry flavors all have received the 'Award of Excellence' in National competition – and, for the past three years, Ashby's Sterling has received the 'Best New Flavor of the Year' award for its amaretto cherry, raspberry chip cheesecake, and English cinnamon crumb cake flavors.

"One taste," she continued, "and Joe and I immediately agreed that we would have to serve Ashby's Sterling in our shop."

Sweet Memories will feature a complete line of "old-time" favorites made with either Stroh's or Ashby's Sterling products. In all, a choice of more than 40 flavors of ice cream and soft yogurt will be available. These quality products are the basic ingredient in the custom shakes, sodas, sundaes, banana splits, cones, and handmade ice-cream cakes that the parlor serves year-round. Frozen custard is also available during the summer months. Diet-conscious individuals can always choose from among delicious low-fat, nonfat, cholesterol-free, and no-sugar-added ice creams and yogurts.

Joe, Sue, and their friendly staff are anxious to meet and welcome each new customer. They know that, after just one visit to their ice-cream parlor, the newcomers will find that "Sweet Memories" is more than just a name. □



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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WASHTENAW AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the above two Boards of Education have, pursuant to resolution, entered into a contract with the following school districts to establish an area vocational-technical education program in accordance with Section 690 (3) of the School Code of 1976.

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Said establishment of the area vocational-technical education program and contract became effective on December 11, 1995, that being the date the Michigan State Board of Education granted to the school districts mentioned above area designation for the area vocational-technical education program.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the school electors of each of the two school districts have a right to referendum on the question of establishing the area's vocational-technical education program. If school electors in this school district equal in number to not less than 5 percent of the votes cast in the most recent school election file a petition for referendum with this board of education within six (6) months from December 11, 1995, then in that event the question of establishing an area vocational-technical education program, as authorized by this board of education pursuant to resolution and contract, will be submitted to the electors of the school district. If the school electors do not approve by a majority vote the establishment of the area vocational-technical education program mentioned above, then the resolution and contract between the two school districts shall be immediately terminated.

A copy of the resolution and contract establishing the area vocational-technical education program is on file at each office of the Board of Education and available for public examination during normal public hours.

Judith A. Gondek
Secretary, Board of Education
Romulus Community Schools

Sharry A. Budd
Secretary, Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in April: Pauline Bragener, Myra Brower, Mary Casto, Clara Dogs, Barbara Gillingham, Jane Kobylski, William Maze, Margaret McIntosh, Sally Mulka, Phyllis Wade, and Stella Wiska.

Free Tax Service for Seniors

Now through April 10, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. Call the Center for more information.

Drop-In Program for Legal Counsel

Citizens age 50 and over are encouraged to take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's new drop-in program for free legal advice and consultations courtesy of local attorney Brian Oakley. Each of the bimonthly sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The next scheduled program dates are April 9 and April 23.

Blood-pressure Checks Are Back!

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked once a month by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center. The next program is set for April 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

New Members Welcome

The Romulus Senior Center's Club #1 meets at the Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. for social and recreational activities. New members (age 55 and over) are always welcome.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, April 10. Space is limited; payment of transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Tulip Festival** – If beautiful blooms are your favorite part of spring, you won't want to miss this trip to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, to see Mother Nature's palette of colors at its best. The cost of this one-day trip, set for May 8 (departs at 8 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m.), is just \$46, and includes: round-trip motorcoach transportation; a stop at the Deklomp Wooden Shoe and Delph Factory; a tour of Holland (with a stop at Windmill Island) conducted by an authentically costumed guide; and lunch at a great local restaurant.

- **"Cumberland Princess" Cruise** – Summer's sizzle will be here sooner than you think, and the Romulus Senior Center is already making its plans for trips that will make the most of it – like this three-day/two-night excursion which combines the excitement of Greyhound racing with the relaxation of a cruise along the beautiful Ohio River. The \$289 cost of the trip (based on double-occupancy rates), which departs July 17, includes: round-trip motorcoach transportation; two nights' lodging; dinner and an evening of racing fun at Tri-state Greyhound Park; and an all-day cruise (including lunch and dinner) aboard the "Cumberland Princess."

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Get SMART!

The Romulus Senior Center would like to remind everyone of the availability of the new SMART Connector bus, which provides curb-to-curb transportation service within the City any weekday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of only \$2 per person (\$1 for senior citizens and people with disabilities). All rides must be reserved in advance. For more information, or to schedule a ride, call 941-8996. ☐

100th Day Celebrated

By Rosemary Foster

The 100th day of school was celebrated on February 12 at Merriman Elementary by first graders in Mrs. Barbara Jaszczy's class and students in Ms. Virginia Smith's first/second split. They used the occasion to extend their understanding of the concept of 100.

Mrs. Jaszczy's students were encouraged to bring in collections of 100 objects. Unusual collections included toothpicks, beads, and Teddy Grahams.

Mrs. Jaszczy had her students work in a 100th Day book that focused on different activities, such as reading 100 short-vowel words, doing 100 math problems, and writing numbers to 100 by ones, twos, fives, and tens. Students also read *101 Dalmatians*, *I Can Teach My Dog 100 Words*, and *The Wolf's Chicken Stew*. The children answered comprehension questions about each story and acted out *The Wolf's Chicken Stew* by making costumes for the characters, including the 100 baby chicks.

Ms. Smith's students were encouraged to wear something that had 100 things on it. Students showed up wearing 100 pennies, 100 spots, 100 sequins, 100 buttons, and even 100 jigsaw puzzle pieces attached to their tops.

Classroom activities also focused on the concept of 100, and students worked math problems whose answers equaled 100. They flipped a coin 100 times and predicted how often heads or tails would occur. Using calculators, they chose numbers to add that would equal 100 and then subtract backwards from 100. In a less serious exercise, they counted out 100 Cheerios and watched the classroom bunny subtract them!

In science, the children measured how much water was displaced when 100 marbles were dropped in a jar. And, on a variation of an old favorite, they sang "100 Bottles of Milk on the Wall." For an art activity, they drew pictures of what they thought they would look like when they were 100 years old. □

Senior Profile: Dot Icenogle

By Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus

"Never judge a book by its cover." Everyone has heard this saying at one time or another; however, it truly applies to Dorothy "Dot" Icenogle. This five-foot, 109-pound powerhouse is a constant source of energy, and has a huge heart. Small on the outside but a 10-foot giant on the inside – now that's Dot.

Born in Hamilton, Canada, on May 16, 1911, Dot moved to Wyandotte when she was five, and later met and married her husband, Slim, in 1932. Dot was happily married to Slim for 49 years until his untimely death in 1981.

Dot stays very busy with her volunteer work, knitting, and plastic-canvas needle craft. She always has time for her beloved two children, one grandchild, and adorable great-grandchild, to whom she is totally devoted.

As a young adult on her and her husband's 10-acre produce farm, Dot became well acquainted with hard work – and her continued experience with it over her lifetime left her well prepared for her future pursuits. Some of the activities she has been involved in have included working for 17 years on the Romulus elections; volunteering for the Martin View Cancer Club, Red Cross, and Goodwill; and serving as a dependable volunteer for the Romulus Senior Center. Dot doesn't feel that her help and involvement is anything special; she



Dorothy "Dot" Icenogle

says, "I just like people, staying busy, and feeling useful."

Dot has lived in Romulus since 1939, and thus has witnessed many changes – from businesses coming and going, to Metro Airport growing to its present size from a wee, one-square-mile area. Dot once even witnessed, unknowingly, the robbery of three model homes in the then-new Huron River Estates subdivision.

"I'm very grateful for the transportation provided by the Senior Center," Dot says. "It allows me to take trips that are offered and to get out."

Well, Dot, we at the Center are grateful, too – grateful for the fact that you are always first in line to help out; for your unfailing cheerfulness; and for just being Dot Icenogle. □

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 11, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 11, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Kesner absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/96/1 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/96/2 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn that the Minutes of February 26, 1996 be approved as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

3/96/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Phyllis Deline. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

3/96/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica as follows: Betty Lenossi, Bus Driver, Retirement, effective March 29, 1996. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

3/96/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution for Hilda Block

3/96/6 Moved by Langley supported by Berlinn to adopt the attached Resolution of congratulations for Hilda Block, Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Social Studies Report – Grades 7-12

Messrs. Clark, Kidwell, and Zaher presented the proposed social-studies curriculum to the Board of Education and responded to their questions.

Multi-valedictorians Decision

3/96/7 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and allow the graduation class of 1996 to have multi-valedictorians with all students achieving more than a 4.0 sharing the honor. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Patterson). Motion carried.

I.R.I. Proposal – Site Base

3/96/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education approve the attached agreement with Industrial Relations to conduct critical-issues Focus Groups for a dollar amount not to exceed the expenses in the proposal. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip to Cedar Point

3/96/9 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Middle School "Whiz-Kids" trip to Cedar Point as per the attached memo. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Gondek). Motion carried.

Report on Josten's Trip – Bedell and Dolan

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, were invited to San Diego, California by Josten's to make a presentation on our technology in Romulus. They gave a brief summary of their trip to the members of the Board of Education.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed the following with the Board of Education and Administration: 1) bus privatization rumors; 2) MEAP Endorsement; 3) emphasis placed on academics; 4) size of MEGA League; 5) multi-valedictorians; 6) media tech responsibilities; 7) secretarial position at Halecreek Elementary School; and 8) televising Board meetings.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following Items of Interest were shared with the Board of Education: 1) G.M. Gets Adult Ed Funds; 2) Clark Durant – Hosts; 3) Debbie Dick – Fireworks Donations; 4) Hurst – NCA Money; and 5) Policy Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Berlinn requested that we purchase a lavalier microphone for people who are making presentations.

Executive Session – Negotiations

3/96/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:20 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:56 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/96/11 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary
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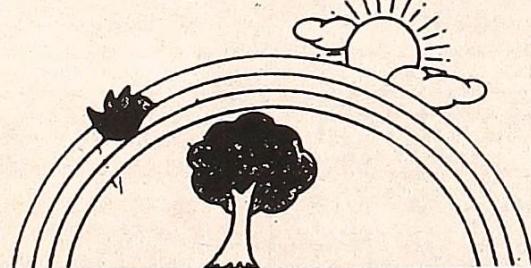
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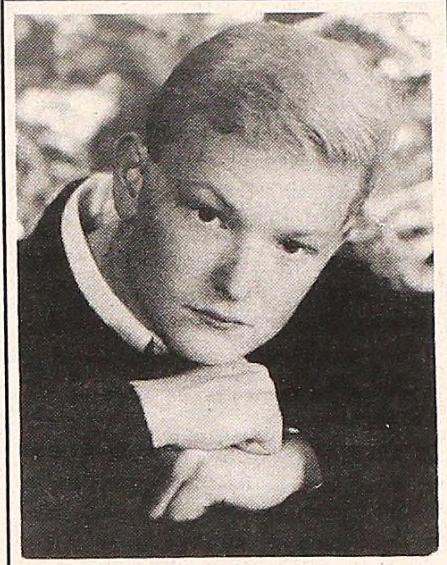
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Lloyd is a fourth-semester occupational-therapy student at EMU and is currently a member of the Stoic Society and Golden Key National Honor Society.

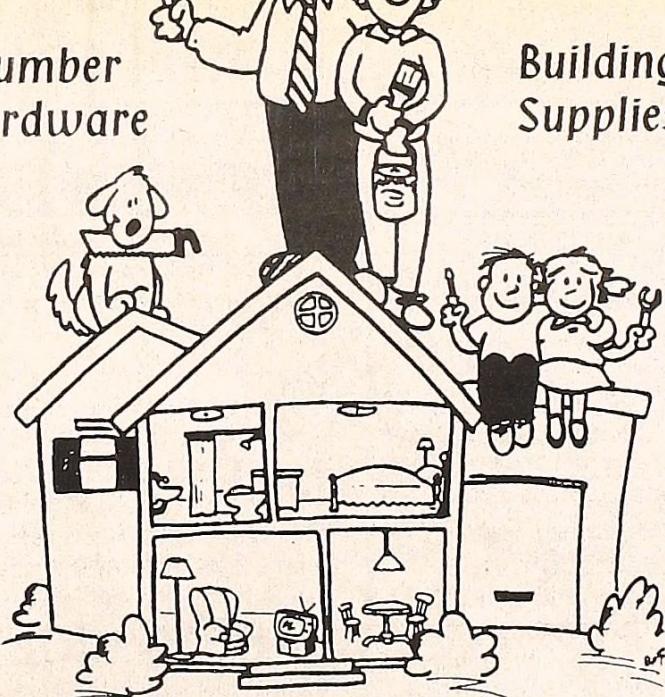
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